

# Funding Program for Family Day Homes

This program provides support to **licensed family day homes** in the Yukon by providing funding to offset early learning fees and the cost of operating high quality programs.

This program has **six parts**:

**Part 1: Reducing the cost of early learning and child care for families**

**Part 2: Support for administration**

**Part 3: Support to enhance program quality**

**Part 4: Supporting children with diverse needs**

**Part 5: Funding to increase educator wages**

**Part 6: Funding towards operating costs**

## Part 1: Reducing the cost of early learning and child care for families

- This funding is intended to directly help licensed family day homes lower the amount parents or caregivers pay.
- This funding is based on children's enrollment and regular attendance — either full-time or part-time.
- If a child is enrolled/attends part-time, the funding will be adjusted based on how many hours they are enrolled/attend compared to full-time hours.
- Children must attend 75%\* of the time in order for child care programs to access this funding. There must always be space available for the child if the family is charged a fee, regardless of whether or not a child is in attendance. Attendance must be maintained at 75% of the registered use to maintain full funding.
- Families only pay the difference between the government funding and the full fee.
- It does **not** cover drop-in care.
- It does **not** cover the space when a child is away for more than **4 weeks in a row** (such as during long vacations).
- To receive this funding, family day home operators must agree to keep complete and accurate attendance records for each child.

\* Funding will be available during both voluntary and non-voluntary absences (e.g., family vacations up to 4 weeks of absence, sickness, medical travel, bereavement, First Nations harvesting, and cultural activities).

	Funding per child per month
Infant	\$700
Toddler	\$700
Preschool	\$700
Kindergarten	\$700 (full-time – not in school)
Kindergarten	\$350 (part-time – in school)
School-age	\$500 (during the summer)
School-age	\$300 (during the school year)

## Part 2: Support for administration

- This payment is 10% of the funding provided to lower parent or caregiver fees (from Part 1).
- The intent of this funding is to support administrative needs related to operating a family day home and fulfilling reporting requirements, such as hiring a part-time bookkeeper.

Number of directly funded spaces	Rate per month
e.g. 8 toddlers (all full-time)	8 x \$700 = \$5600.00 <b>10% of \$5600 = \$560</b>
e.g. 18 preschoolers (all full-time)	18 x \$700 = \$12,600 <b>10% of \$12,600 = \$1,260</b>
e.g. 6 pre-school (full-time) 1 infant (part-time: 3 days a week) 2 infants (part-time: 2 days a week)	6 x \$700 = \$4200 1 x (\$700 x 0.6) = \$420 2 x (\$700 x 0.4) = \$560 <b>10% of \$5180 = \$518</b>

### Part 3: Support to enhance program quality

- The intent of this funding is to help support family day home operators create high-quality early learning programs by supporting the costs of materials, supplies, and equipment.
- This amount is determined based on how many children are enrolled.
- Programs that charge an additional fee to parents/caregivers for a nutritional meal program are not eligible to receive the additional meal funding in this category.

<b>Whitehorse area programs</b>	<b>Quality funding per child</b> Programs without a meal program	<b>Quality funding per child</b> Programs with a nutritional meal program
Infant	\$206.10	\$238.16
Toddler	\$154.58	\$186.64
Preschool	\$114.50	\$146.56
Grade 1 and up	\$97.33	\$129.39

<b>Rural programs</b>	<b>Quality funding per child</b> Programs without a meal program	<b>Quality funding per child</b> Programs with a nutritional meal program
Infant	\$242.10	\$298.59
Toddler	\$181.58	\$238.07
Preschool	\$134.50	\$190.99
Grade 1 and up	\$114.33	\$151.99

### Part 4: Supporting children with diverse needs

- The intent of this funding is to support inclusion of children with diverse needs and abilities.
- Eligible expenses include supplies, technology, minor repairs, or specialized equipment.
- To receive this funding, family day home operators must provide the ELCC branch with a current Individual Program Plan (IPP) for each child who needs extra support, including the goals they are working towards and what supports or equipment will help them achieve those goals.
- Operators must provide complete and accurate attendance records for each child.
- If a child is enrolled/attends part-time the funding may be adjusted accordingly.
- Operators may be eligible to apply to the Supported Child Care Program for children who require more intensive support.

	<b>Funding per month</b> Whitehorse area programs	<b>Funding per month</b> Rural programs
Toddler	\$54.96	\$64.56
Preschool	\$91.60	\$107.60
Grade 1 and up	\$114.50	\$134.50

## Part 5: Funding to increase educator wages

- The intent of this funding is to enhance the wage of early childhood educators, up to 40 hours per week.
- It also includes an extra 14% to cover employment-related costs like:
  - Canada Pension Plan (CPP)
  - Employment Insurance (EI)
  - Vacation pay
  - Workers compensation
- To receive this funding, centres must pay each educator, at a minimum, according to the established wage grid.
- Educators whose wages are already fully paid according to the wage grid through the Supported Child Care Program will not receive an additional wage enhancement.
- This funding is not provided when:
  - educators are sick or on vacation;
  - operators are not working directly in the program (ie: maternity leave, reside outside of the centre area, reside outside of the Yukon etc.)
  - program is closed for days that are not statutory holidays (i.e. Easter Monday and Heritage Day)

The Level 0 wage supplement is only available in rural communities. To receive it, a program must have an approved training plan and a formal exemption from training requirements (granted by the Director of ELCC).

### Whitehorse wage enhancements

ECE Level	Current wage enhancement	Minimum wage + enhancement	2026 mandatory minimum wage
Level 0	Not applicable	Not applicable	\$18.51
Level 1	\$4.12	\$18.51 + \$4.12	\$22.63
Level 1A	\$6.01	\$18.51 + \$6.01	\$24.52
Level 2	\$7.44	\$18.51 + \$7.44	\$25.95
Level 2A	\$9.96	\$18.51 + \$9.96	\$28.47
Level 3 eq	\$12.31	\$18.51 + \$12.31	\$30.82
Level 3	\$15.31	\$18.51 + \$15.31	\$33.82

### Rural wage enhancements

ECE Level	Current wage enhancement	Minimum wage + enhancement	2025 mandatory minimum wage
Level 0	\$1.85	\$18.51 + \$1.85	\$20.36
Level 1	\$4.49	\$18.51 + \$4.49	\$23.00
Level 1A	\$6.71	\$18.51 + \$6.71	\$25.22
Level 2	\$8.39	\$18.51 + \$8.39	\$26.90
Level 2A	\$11.35	\$18.51 + \$11.35	\$29.86
Level 3 eq	\$14.11	\$18.51 + \$14.11	\$32.62
Level 3	\$17.11	\$18.51 + \$17.11	\$35.62

## Part 6: Funding towards operating costs

- The intent of this funding is to support licensed family day homes to pay for the extra cost of operations related to the licensed portion of your home (such as cleaning supplies and minor repairs).
- In **Whitehorse**, **37%** of the cost of eligible operating expenses is provided.
- In **rural communities**, **43%** of the cost of eligible operating expenses is provided.
- Operators can only claim the portion of an expense used directly for the licensed family day home. For example, if the cleaning supplies are purchased for the home and the licensed family day home combined, only the portion of the cost that is directly allocated to the family day home is an eligible expense.
- To receive this funding, family day homes must be able to show proof of expenses, when requested. This can include:
  - Receipts
  - Income and expense records from a bookkeeper

### These expenses are eligible:

Garbage Bags	Janitorial Cleaning Supplies
Hand Soap	Vinyl Gloves
Snow Removal	Single fold paper towel for bathrooms
Carpet Cleaning	Toilet paper
Minor repairs (to a max of \$100/month)	Facial Tissues

### These expenses are not eligible:

Advertising	Vehicle fuel
Costs for business licenses	Vehicle Insurance
Costs for fire, building and electrical inspections	Chlorine strips
Fire extinguisher maintenance	Dish towels/cloths/face cloths
Tools	Light bulbs
Rodent Control	Rent or mortgage
Electricity	Internet costs
Sewer	Fuel
Garbage	Phone costs
Insurance	Security system
Programming Supplies	

# Other important things to know

## Fee increases

Every family day home can only raise their fees once per year on April 1.

### Whitehorse area:

- If the fees are within 10% of the Whitehorse average, they can be increased by up to **3%** per year.
- If the fees are higher than 10% of the Whitehorse average, they can be increased by **1%** per year.

### Rural Yukon:

- If the fees are within 10% of the rural Yukon average, they can be increased by up to **3%** per year.
- If the fees are higher than 10% of the rural Yukon average, they can be increased by **1%** per year.

If your family day home is facing higher costs and needs to raise fees more than this, please discuss the need with the Early Learning and Child Care branch who will work with you on options.

### Setting fees for new family day homes:

New family day homes that receive Government of Yukon funding must have their fees approved during the licensing process.

- New programs cannot charge more than **3% above the Yukon average fee**.
- The Early Learning and Child Care branch may approve higher fees based on the family day homes situation.
- If a program includes a meal program, this cost must be part of the regular monthly fee charged to families.

## Fee reporting and transparency

Programs must follow these rules about fees:

- You must report all fee changes to the Early Learning and Child Care branch.
- The branch will calculate the average Yukon fees each year.
- The branch will share the average fees when requested.
- Your approved fees will be listed in your official agreement with the Government of Yukon (your transfer payment agreement).

## Working together

Family day home operators are encouraged to work closely with the Early Learning and Child Care branch to continue improving their programs.

This includes:

- Taking part in professional development and training
- Working with early learning program specialists
- Making ongoing improvements to program quality
- Seeking information or support on regulations and reporting requirements

If you have any questions, please email [earlylearning@yukon.ca](mailto:earlylearning@yukon.ca)